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Message to the Congress Transmitting Transportation Department Reports *October 19, 1993*

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith the 1992 calendar year reports as prepared by the Department of Transportation on activities under the Highway Safety Act and the National Traffic and Motor

Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, as amended (23 U.S.C. 401 note and 15 U.S.C. 1408).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
October 19, 1993.

Message to the Congress Transmitting the Report of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee *October 19, 1993*

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 5347(e) of title 5 of the United States Code, I transmit herewith

the 1992 annual report of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
October 19, 1993.

Statement on Congressional Action on Department of Commerce Appropriations *October 19, 1993*

The House/Senate conference decision to bolster the Department of Commerce FY94 budget to \$3.56 billion, a 12.6 percent increase over FY93 levels of \$3.16 billion, represents a vote of confidence in this administration's investment priorities and in the Department of Commerce. The budget increases reflect the increased responsibilities of the Commerce Department under the leadership of Secretary Ron Brown.

Congress' decision hits a home run for this administration's civilian technology and defense conversion policies. It demonstrates the importance of our efforts to promote economic growth through civilian technology and address the aftermath of economic dislocation resulting from the end of the cold war. Their decision affirms our goal of building a stronger, more competitive private sector able to maintain U.S. leadership in critical world markets.

Highlights of the Commerce appropriations include:

- \$80 million for defense conversion. These funds will provide a much needed boost to the Economic Development Administra-

tion's programs to assist communities that have been impacted by the end of the cold war.

- \$520.2 million for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). NIST will be able to bolster its technology outreach programs, the advanced technology program, and the manufacturing extension partnership.
- \$70.9 million for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. The NTIA appropriation will set a speedy pace for this agency's lead role in fulfilling this administration's goal of an information superhighway, as outlined by the "National Information Infrastructure: Agenda for Action."

I commend the congressional leadership, Senator Ernest Hollings, Senator Pete Domenici,